

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Commission on the Arts has announced the
2 2011 and 2012 appointments for the positions of State Poet
3 Laureate, State Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and State
4 Three-Dimensional Artist; and

5 WHEREAS, Honorees are chosen for the exceptional quality of
6 their work and for their outstanding commitment to the arts in
7 Texas; nominees must either be native Texans or have resided in the
8 state for at least five years; in addition, they must have received
9 critical recognition from state, regional, and national
10 publications, and they must have attained the highest levels of
11 excellence in their respective disciplines; and

12 WHEREAS, David M. Parsons is the 2011 Texas State Poet
13 Laureate; inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters in 2009, Mr.
14 Parsons is the recipient of numerous awards, among them a National
15 Endowment for the Humanities Dante Fellowship to the State
16 University of New York and the French/American Legation Poetry
17 Prize; he has published two collections of poems, and his work has
18 appeared in numerous journals and magazines, including *Gulf Coast*,
19 *The Texas Review*, and *Louisiana Literature*; and

20 WHEREAS, The 2011 Texas State Musician is singer-songwriter
21 Lyle Lovett, who has blurred genre boundaries over the course of 14
22 albums that deftly combine elements of country, swing, jazz, folk,
23 gospel, and blues; a four-time Grammy Award winner, Mr. Lovett has
24 logged significant time at the top of the *Billboard* charts; he has

1 branched successfully into acting as well, appearing in 13 feature
2 films, including several noteworthy Robert Altman pictures, and he
3 is active in many philanthropic causes; and

4 WHEREAS, Melissa W. Miller has been selected as the 2011
5 Texas State Two-Dimensional Artist; acclaimed for her bold,
6 imaginative, allegorical paintings of animals, she has pursued an
7 iconoclastic path since the mid-1970s; her works have been
8 exhibited at many major museums across the nation, including the
9 Corcoran Museum in Washington, D.C., and the Brooklyn Museum of
10 Fine Arts, and they have been featured in the Whitney and Venice
11 Biennials; an associate professor of art at The University of Texas
12 at Austin, Ms. Miller has also been a visiting lecturer and guest
13 artist at more than 40 universities, colleges, and art institutes;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Corpus Christi native and Rockport resident Jesus
16 Moroles is the 2011 Texas State Three-Dimensional Artist; more than
17 2,000 of his works have found a place in museums and corporate,
18 public, and private collections; his "Lapstrake," a massive
19 22-foot, 64-ton abstract sculpture, is located across from the
20 Museum of Modern Art in New York, and his work was featured in the
21 landmark traveling exhibition Contemporary Hispanic Art in the
22 United States; Mr. Moroles has also served on the board of the
23 Smithsonian American Art Museum and received the 2008 National
24 Medal of Arts; and

25 WHEREAS, The 2012 Texas Poet Laureate is Jan Seale, the
26 author of six poetry volumes and several books of short fiction and
27 essays; her writing has appeared in *Texas Monthly*, *The Yale Review*,

1 and other periodicals, as well as numerous anthologies, and her
2 work has been featured on National Public Radio; a popular
3 presenter, she has given readings and workshops around the country,
4 and she is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts
5 fellowship; and

6 WHEREAS, Billy F Gibbons of ZZ Top fame has been selected as
7 the 2012 Texas State Musician; a much-imitated guitarist, he is
8 also the lead singer of the iconic band, which was inducted into the
9 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004, and he wrote many of its
10 blockbuster hits; he has collaborated with a wide range of artists,
11 among them B. B. King, Queens of the Stone Age, Roky Erickson, and
12 Les Paul; in addition, he is a car customizer and actor and plays a
13 recurring role on the television series *Bones* as a fictionalized
14 version of himself; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2012 Texas State Two-Dimensional Artist is Karl
16 Umlauf, who grew up in Austin; after completing his master of fine
17 arts degree at Cornell University in 1963, he began teaching at the
18 University of Pennsylvania, and his paintings were exhibited in a
19 number of prominent East Coast galleries and museums; his long
20 career in higher education eventually brought him to East Texas
21 State University and then Baylor University; he has won many prizes
22 and purchase awards for reliefs in a variety of materials,
23 including fiberglass and cast paper; fascinated with geological
24 substrata and archeological burial sites as well as salvage yards
25 and abandoned industrial sites, he has concentrated on imaginative
26 facades since 2000; and

27 WHEREAS, Bill FitzGibbons has been selected as the 2012 Texas

1 State Three-Dimensional Artist; a former Fulbright Scholar, he is
2 known for large-scale light sculptures that transform building
3 walls into elaborately programmed spectrums of constantly moving
4 light; he has received more than 30 public art commissions in five
5 countries; since 2002, he has served as the executive director of
6 the Blue Star Contemporary Art Center in San Antonio, and he is a
7 member of the board of the International Sculpture Center; and

8 WHEREAS, The men and women who have been selected to hold
9 these prestigious posts for the next two years have all greatly
10 contributed to the vibrant cultural life of the Lone Star State, and
11 Texas is indeed fortunate to be home to these talented artists; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby honor the 2011 and 2012 appointees to the positions of State
15 Poet Laureate, State Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and
16 State Three-Dimensional Artist and extend to each of them sincere
17 best wishes for continued creativity and achievement.

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H.C.R. No. 165

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 165 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 165 was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

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